

West Sound Beekeepers Association Minutes  
Board Meeting  
World of Beer Restaurant, Silverdale WA 98383  
May 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM.

Quorum Present: President Sophi Gwynne, Vice President Dana Schack, Treasurer Bob Finley, Secretary Janet Finley; Trustees Joe Gwynne and Darlene Stiffey; Guests Sandy Fanara, Dave Leger, and John Sasser.

The minutes from the May 20, 2019 Board meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sophi Gwynne

- The proposed dates for the Apprentice Beekeeper Course have been changed to September 7 and 14, 2019 to allow interested WSBA members to attend the Pacific Northwest Beekeepers Conference, which will be held on September 21.
- Sophi has been nominated to represent hobbyist beekeepers in the West Sound region at the Washington State level for current and future legislation matters. The majority of participants are professional beekeepers in the Spokane/Yakima Valley growing centers. The bill generating the most activity at the moment is HB-5552.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dana Schack

- Discussion on speakers for events and trying to coordinate with others during the busy travel season.

SECRETARY REPORT: Janet Finley

- Several new memberships and renewals have been received during the past month.
- Janet has posted, monitored, and provided management for the online auctions.
- Sign-up sheets, flyers, and materials have been designed for the upcoming educational courses and the WSBA booth at the Kitsap County Fair in August.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Finley

- Total of WSBA funds at the end of April stands at \$15,557.31, although deposits of \$110.18 are still outstanding.
- State of the Budget: The budget is on track for this time of year, with several income streams meeting targets. Goals for income produced through the Apiary are still unrealized. Discussion on upcoming nucs and queen production.
- An online local auction among WSBA members for two donated full bee suit packages brought in \$70 to benefit the Education Committee.

- An online local auction among WSBA members for a donated 6-frame Flow Hive setup has closed with the winning bid of \$250. Transaction will be completed the week of June 16, 2019.
- Discussion on seeking non-profit legal or professional financial advice for reporting of taxable sales. Dave Leger knows of a firm in Seattle and will provide contact information to Bob Finley, who is willing to set up an appointment. Discussion of acquiring a business license and the need for quarterly filing.

APIARY REPORT: Submitted report overview:

- There are currently 11 active Langstroth hives in the Apiary, 36 nucs: some strong, some weaker, two queenless.
- Discussion on one hive with suspected disease and the treatment and quarantine of it.
- Discussion on whether the wooden benches in the gazebo should be stained.
- Discussion on The Journeyman Course, and Sandy Fanara indicated that she would be a resource to guiding students through the various aspects of the WASBA curriculum. Janet Finley indicated that she would provide the newly designed manuals for the three course levels to Sandy.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion on the successes and failures of the Mentoring system in place and how improvements can be made.
- Discussion on what volunteer sessions are currently being supported in the Apiary with leaders and volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on holding a “Educate the Educators” event in January or February of 2020. Sandy Fanara has indicated that she would organize this.
- No topic is available for the July general meeting.
- Discussion of having a honey extractor at the WSBA picnic on August 17 for attendees to spin a few frames of honey for their own use.s

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM. The Board will meet again on July 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM at World of Beer Restaurant, Silverdale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Finley, WSBA Secretary